

B-3439 - B-3450

c.1840-1900

1138-1108 S. Charles St. (West side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

The west side of the 1100 block of S. Charles St. was originally improved with groups of two story plus attic and small three story, two bay wide, gable-roofed houses that served as combination residential/commercial structures. Only a few of these survive in their original exterior form (1134 and 1124 S. Charles St., which are two story plus attic houses, and 1114 and 1116 S. Charles St., which are three story, gable-roofed houses), the remainder having been enlarged and remodeled after the Civil War to a full three stories in height with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. All currently still serve a combined residential/commercial function. 1118-1120 S. Charles St. is a large three story, four bay wide brick building with shed roof and stepped roofline. The facade has been faced with cut stone and there is both brownstone and stamped sheet metal, Classical Revival style trim. This structure was built around the turn of the century to serve as a department store, as it still does today.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1118-1120 S. Charles St.

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

__DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

__STRUCTURE

__SITE

__OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

__PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

__BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

__IN PROCESS

__BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

__UNOCCUPIED

__WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

__YES: UNRESTRICTED

__NO

PRESENT USE

__AGRICULTURE

☒ COMMERCIAL

__EDUCATIONAL

__ENTERTAINMENT

__GOVERNMENT

__INDUSTRIAL

__MILITARY

__MUSEUM

__PARK

__PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__RELIGIOUS

__SCIENTIFIC

__TRANSPORTATION

__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE
Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

B-3447

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, four bay brick building with shed roof and cut-stone facade has always served as a furniture store. The first floor area has been modernized into a plate-glass store-front.

The building is three stories in height, about 31' wide, and runs back on its lot about 94 1/2'. The building is constructed in common bond but the facade has been faced with cut stone. The shed roof is capped by a false roof line with a central stepped parapet decorated with a central embossed panel and with two stone consoles marking the transition between the upper and lower steps of the parapet. Below this false roof line a simple projecting cornice extends across the entire width of the facade, just above the level of the third floor windows. This cornice consists of a crown molding set above a row of dentils and a plain frieze area. This same cornice is echoed at the top of the store-front area, at the base of the second floor windows.

The second and third floor window openings have no lintels but do have stone sills. Each window is filled with a lower, large metal panel and a smaller glass pane above, which has been painted. The first floor area has been converted into a modern store-front with a centrally located pair of glass and aluminum doors flanked by two, two-sided plate glass shop windows set on aluminum bases. A deep metal sign area extends across the entire width of the store-front beneath the original stone cornice. A canvas awning extends out over the entrance and across the entire width of the store-front. The entrance is reached by one wide stone step.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

B-3447

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

c. 1920's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is significant as representing one of the early department/furniture stores that were built along S. Charles St. in the early decades of the twentieth century to meet the needs of the rapidly growing population of South Baltimore. The store is still operated by the original owners, the Brown family, who came to this area in the late nineteenth century. The building is interesting stylistically because of its use of a cut stone facade, instead of the usual decorative brickwork used in the area. It is the only surviving example of a commercial building with a cut stone facade in the survey area.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

DATE

5/79

TELEPHONE

STATE

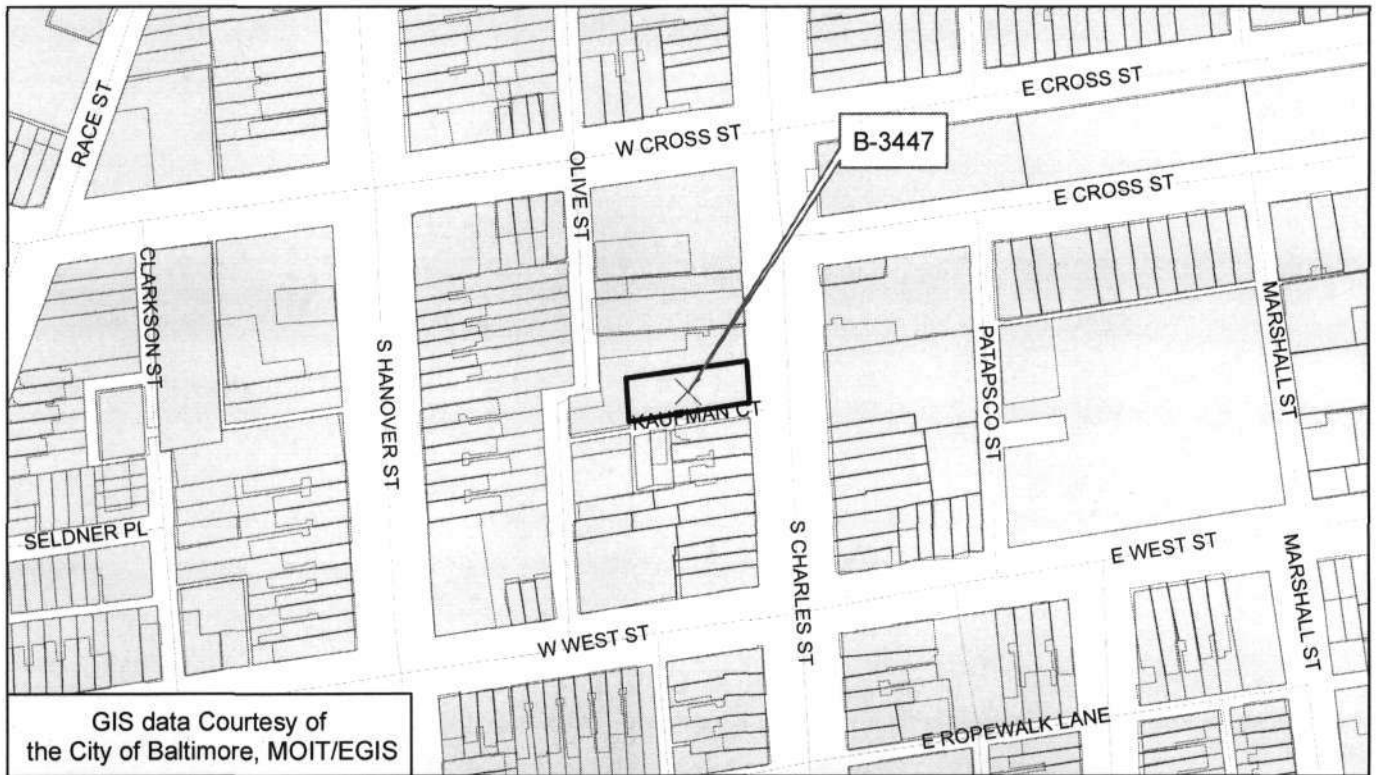
Maryland 21204

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East elevation